

SENATE BILL 47

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Senator Colburn**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Restaurant Seating Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of lowering in Dorchester County the minimum seating requirement
4 for certain restaurants, motels, or hotels having certain restaurant facilities;
5 making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages
6 licenses in Dorchester County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
9 Section 6–201(k)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

15 6–201.

16 (k) (1) This subsection applies only in Dorchester County.

17 (2) (i) [Bona fide restaurants, motels and hotels having restaurant
18 facilities for serving full-course meals at least twice daily and seating capacity at
19 tables for 75 or more persons, not including seats at bars or counters, may obtain a
20 license from the Board of License Commissioners. This license entitles the licensee to
21 sell beer, wines, and liquors.] **AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT IS A BONA FIDE
22 RESTAURANT, MOTEL, OR HOTEL MAY OBTAIN A CLASS B (ON-SALE) BEER,
23 WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE FROM THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS IF
24 THE ESTABLISHMENT HAS:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **1. RESTAURANT FACILITIES FOR SERVING**
2 **FULL-COURSE MEALS AT LEAST TWICE DAILY; AND**

3 **2. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF**
4 **THIS PARAGRAPH, SEATING CAPACITY FOR 75 OR MORE INDIVIDUALS, NOT**
5 **INCLUDING SEATS AT BARS OR COUNTERS.**

6 **(II) AN ESTABLISHMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I)**
7 **OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL HAVE A SEATING CAPACITY FOR 50 OR MORE**
8 **INDIVIDUALS, NOT INCLUDING SEATS AT BARS OR COUNTERS, IF:**

9 **1. A LICENSE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON**
10 **THE PREMISES OF THIS ESTABLISHMENT EXISTED AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1996; OR**

11 **2. THE ESTABLISHMENT IS LOCATED IN CAMBRIDGE**
12 **OR SECRETARY.**

13 **[(ii)] (3)** The annual license fee is \$1,000.

14 **[(3)] (4)** This license provides for the consumption of beer, wine, and
15 liquor on the premises only.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 July 1, 2010.